

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 524

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Officer Sidney "Sid" Claxton Cripps on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sidney "Sid" Claxton Cripps of the Lebanon Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens and will be taking a much-deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Lebanon, Officer Cripps graduated from Lebanon High School in 1974; as a lifelong and devoted citizen of Lebanon, he has been an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Officer Sid Cripps began his service with the Lebanon Police Department, and since that time, he has performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way he can; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity with the Lebanon Police Department, Officer Cripps has served as a patrol officer, D.A.R.E. officer, detective, and police chaplain; and

WHEREAS, he has been blessed with the love, support, and companionship of his wife of nearly forty-two years, Jan, with whom he has two children, son Cale and daughter Claire; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Officer Cripps has for many years served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Fairview Church, where he has been a member since childhood; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sid Cripps exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Officer Cripps has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Officer Sidney "Sid" Claxton Cripps be honored and commended upon the occasion of his retirement from law enforcement. We thank Officer Cripps for his nearly three decades of service to the Lebanon Police Department and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.